



DEDICATE LIBRARY—Participating in opening of the new Victoria Park library, 18419 Avalon Blvd., are from left, Mrs. Bernard Truhe, master of ceremonies; Arthur Weber, deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Mrs. Paul Hinkle, president of Victoria Park Civic Council; John Pierce, the branch librarian; and John D. Henderson, county librarian.

### Bathing Beauties Selected for Water Show

After months of searching and testing several hundred shapely, synchronous swimmers who will perform in six aquatic numbers, Frank Senner of Moulin Rouge fame made his final selection of nine bathing beauties who will take part in his Starlight Spectacular Stage and Aqua Show at Marineland of the Pacific.

The combination stage and aqua show will premiere Tuesday in the 3,000-seat Sea Arena in a special Salute to the Greater Los Angeles Press Club.

The nine shapely swimmers selected, who will be billed as "Sennes' Synchronettes," are, Judy Montello, Ginger Brothers, Claire Bentwood, Pat Caldwell, Marge Calhoun, Pat Ramton, Maurine O'Neill, Lois Baldwin and Diana Logan, will work under the direction of Jane Aull, an attractive 24-year-old aquatic director.

Miss Aull is already pacing the girls in rehearsals working full eight-hour day shifts at local pools and in the high half-gallon tank at Marineland, to get the girls in synchronous shape for their debut in the aquatic portion of Senner's Spectacular.

"In synchronous swimming," says Miss Aull, "competitors must not only be expert swimmers, they must also possess natural grace, form and physical endurance to maintain their positions as they move in the water synchronizing their actions to music and the rhythm of an aquatic performance."



MASTER SHOWING —Frank Senner of Moulin Rouge fame, drops in at rehearsal time and "chats" with the nine shapely swimmers who will perform on water in his forthcoming "Starlight Spectacular," a stage and aqua show, which will premiere Tuesday at Marineland of the Pacific. The girls, left to right, are Judy Montello, Pat Caldwell, Marge Calhoun, Pat Ramton, Maurine O'Neill, Lois Baldwin and Diana Logn.

### Library Opened in Rites

The new Victoria Park County library was officially dedicated and opened Thursday afternoon with more than 250 enthusiastic residents of Victoria Park and nearby communities participating.

Mrs. Bernard Truhe, past president of the Victoria Park Civic Council and well-known civic leader, served as master of ceremonies of the dedication.

A short concert by the Banning High School band directed by James Weiler, preceded the dedication ceremony.

Following the posting of colors by representatives of a number of youth groups of the Victoria Park area, the invocation was given by Reverend Paul Garrison of the Judson Baptist Church.

County Librarian John D. Henderson introduced John Pierce, who will serve as librarian at the new branch during the summer months. Pierce is a Torrance High School teacher of history and English. He will be assisted by Mrs. Minnie Wetherington.

Local civic leaders recognized included Mrs. Paul Hinkle, pres-

### Ryan Plant Here Gets Target Order

Rehabilitation of Firebee jet targets has been begun by the Ryan Aeronautics Torrance plant under an Air Force contract for \$3,900,000.

The rehabilitated and new targets will be used in the William Tell II project at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Oct. 14-23. New Firebee production lines are also being readied at the Torrance plant. A total of 110 planes will be supplied.

Victoria Park civic council; Mrs. Gerald Markhussen, president, Towne Avenue PTA; Lee Griffith, principal, Towne Avenue School, and Mrs. Thomas Clarey, president, Ladies of St. Albert's Church.

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### Smuggled Fireworks Seized by Firemen

Fire Department officials braced themselves for an onslaught of illegal firecrackers after seizing several sticks smuggled in from Mexico.

Fire Marshal Robert Lucas said that some of the illegal pyrotechnics have already been seized in the city, but that he expects activity in outlawed firecrackers will step up as the Fourth of July approaches.

He said that most of the banned material comes from Tijuana and is presumably manufactured in China. However, shipments from San Francisco's Chinatown seem to be diminishing. Lucas said that postal authorities and Railway Express officials have been alerted to seize any illegal shipments.

"Only fireworks which will be placed on sale at fireworks stands in Torrance beginning June 28 can be legally purchased here," he said.

Torrance and Gardena are the only cities in the immediate vicinity where legal fireworks can be purchased.

Mere possession of other types of pyrotechnics is against state law, Lucas pointed out.

He said that three years ago the city experienced an onslaught of illegal fireworks sold near legal stands.

He also warned parents that bringing in fireworks sold in Tijuana is illegal.

In addition to these city projects, the county reportedly has

### City Manager 'Too Busy' To Answer

City Manager George Stevens let it be known that he is too busy balancing the budget to reply to charges hurled at him by former City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop.

Stevens refused to comment on the former official's allegation that he was continuously "hamstrung" in the proper operation of the department by the city manager and Councilman Willys Blount.

Bishop also asserted that the reason he accepted a demotion in rank to senior design engineer last December was due to pressure allegedly put on him by Stevens.

The city engineer, who quit municipal service as of June 1 after seven years, claimed in a written statement that Stevens threatened to "blacklist" him in California unless he stepped out.

Bishop made his statements following an investigation of the construction of Arlington Ave., which found negligent city inspection and criticized supervision in the engineering department.

Stevens was closeted with top aides most of the week trying budgeted funds for the extension of Del Amo Blvd.

### Injury Victim Now Recovering

Mrs. Dorothea Johnson, Portland, Ore., is recovering today from injuries suffered in an auto collision at Hawthorne and Del Amo Blvds. on Sunday morning.

Inadvertently she was listed as a passenger in an auto driven by a man who was booked on suspicion of drunk driving. Actually she was a passenger in the car driven by Raymond Edward Brunstrom of Hawthorne, driver of the other vehicle, who also suffered injuries in the crash.

to balance the city's budget and refused to enter into argument with his former engineer.

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